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In re Application of :  
Hofmeister, et al. :  
Application No. 10/706,803 : NOTICE  
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This is a notice regarding your request for acceptance of a fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28(c), filed November 8, 2004.

As set forth at 37 CFR 1.28(c), the deficiency is based on the amount of the fee, for other than a small entity, in effect at the time the deficiency is paid in full." Accordingly, the fee deficiency submission under 37 CFR 1.28 is hereby **accepted**.

The change of status to a large entity has been entered and made of record.

This file is being forwarded to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3205.

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